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Dear Mr. Jenkins,

Thank you for the Office communication mailed 05/02/2002.
We edited the language of our claims 1-11 according to your suggestions.

In claim 1 paranthetical terms are incorporated as limitations. In claim 1 the words "with a formation of a thin film coating" are inserted to make it clear that mechanical smearing of particles by our technique results in a formation of a thin film coating (which can be clearly seen in a optical microscope).
In claims 2,4 "by" is used instead of "with the help of".
In claim 5 "or" is used to indicate that the compounds are applied individually. "At" is used instead of "to" in claims 5,6.
In claim 7 it is explained that treatment in organic solvents is applied after cooling.
In claim 8 the language after "atmosphere" is deleted, and it is explained that oxidation is performed with the aim to obtain a metal oxide layer (which is sometimes needed in practice).
In claim 9 paranthetical terms are deleted.
Claim 10 is dependent upon claim 9, and it is explained that the sintering takes place after coating.
Claim 11 is deleted.

The edited pages 9 and 10 of our application are enclosed.

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